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*Hayward Area Shoreline
Interpretive Center
July 27, 2007*

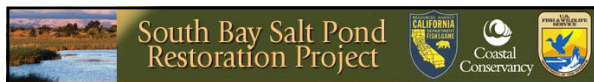
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Today's Working Group Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
- Working Group Charter
- SBSP Project Overview and Background
- SBSP Project Schedule
- DFG Code of Regulations for Reserves
- Phase 1 in the Eden Landing Pond Complex
- Alameda County Flood Protection / Shoreline Study Proposed for Phase 1
- Outreach Opportunities
- Next Steps

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Eden Landing Working Group Charter

See Handout

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Project Overview and Background

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Salt Pond Acquisition

16,500 total acres
15,100 in south bay
1,400 along Napa River



\$100 million cost
\$72M - State of California
\$8M - United States Government
\$20M - Packard, Goldman, Hewlett, and Moore foundations

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Long-term Restoration Goals

A mix of habitats

Flood management

Wildlife-oriented recreation



Kayakers enjoy touring the sloughs

1995 Floods - Guadalupe Freeway

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Transfer of Ownership

- Cargill to reduce salinity levels established by state discharge permits
- Phase out salt production over period of years
- Cargill responsible for management of ponds during phase-out period

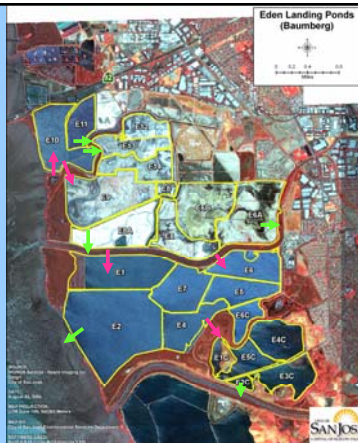


Water quality testing during salt pond phase-out period

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Initial Stewardship Plan – Eden Landing

- ➡ New Intake
- ➡ New Outlet



South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Restoration Program Plan



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South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

Project Schedule (pending review of comments)

- Final EIS/EIR – Fall 2007
- Record of Decision and Permitting – End of 2007/Early 2008
- Phase 1 Implementation – 2008 and 2009
- Future actions and phases – the next 30+ years

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Planning and Management of DFG Lands

The Fish and Game Commission designated the state's portion of the South Bay Salt Ponds acquisition as Eden Landing Ecological Reserve.

Planning and management of Ecological Reserves is guided by:

- The purpose for which the lands were acquired;
- California Fish and Game Code (Section 1580 et. Sec.); and
- Public Resources Code, Title 14 (Section 630); and California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Game policies.

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Purpose of Acquisition

To protect and provide for the restoration and enhancement of wetland habitat for the benefit of threatened and endangered species and wetland associated wildlife and to provide public access opportunities compatible with fish and wildlife management and protection.

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Relevant Fish and Game Codes

Section 1580: "policy of the State is to protect threatened or endangered [species] or specialized habitat ...through the establishment of ecological reserves." "The Fish and Game Commission may adopt regulations for the...operation... maintenance, and administration.."

Section 1584: "...for the benefit of the general public to observe native flora an fauna and for scientific study or research."

Section 1585: "...department may construct facilities and conduct programs...to provide ...education and recreation if those facilities and programs are compatible with the protection of biological resources of the reserve."

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California Code of Regs: Title 14

Section 630: "Ecological Reserves are established to provide protection for rare, threatened or endangered ... organisms and specialized ...habitat types. Public entry and use shall be compatible with the primary purposes of such reserves..."

Public Entry: May be restricted at discretion of the department to protect wildlife or habitat.

Trails: Department may establish in designated areas consistent with resource protection.

Hunting and Fishing: As provided for in individual regulations for specific areas when compatible with protection of wildlife or habitat.

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Department of Fish and Game & FG Commission Policies

Use of Department Lands: ...may be made available to the public for fishing, hunting, or other forms of compatible wildlife dependent recreational use, and for scientific studies whenever such use or uses will not unduly interfere with the primary purpose for which such lands were acquired.

Wetlands: Seek to provide for the protection, preservation, restoration, enhancement ... of wetland habitat in California.

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Other Code Sections Affecting Management:

*California Endangered Species Act
(Fish and Game Code 2055)*

"...it is the policy of the state that all state agencies, boards and commissions shall seek to conserve endangered ...and threatened species and shall utilize their authority in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter."

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Other Code Sections – cont.

Conservation of Wildlife Resources (Fish and Game Code 1800)

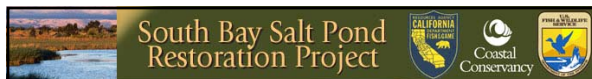
... Provide for beneficial use and enjoyment of wildlife by all citizens

... perpetuate all species of wildlife for their intrinsic and ecological values

... provide for aesthetic, educational, and non-appropriative uses of wildlife

... maintain diversified recreational uses of wildlife, including hunting, subject to regulations consistent with the maintenance of healthy, viable wildlife resources, the public safety, and a quality outdoor experience.

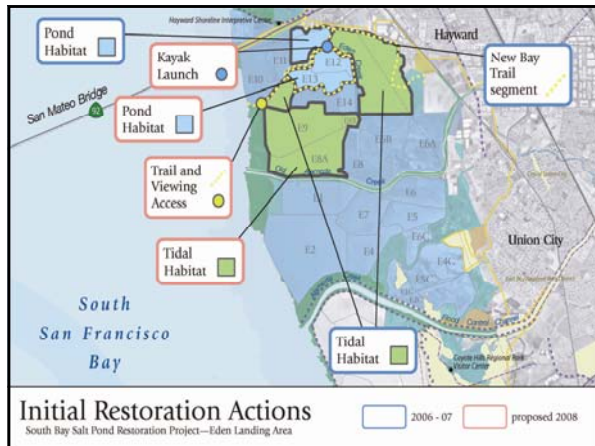
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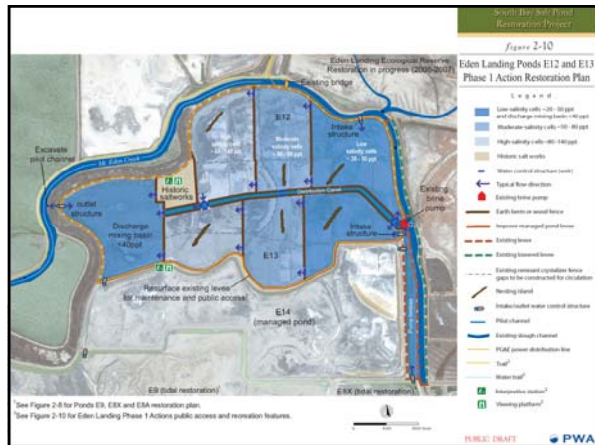


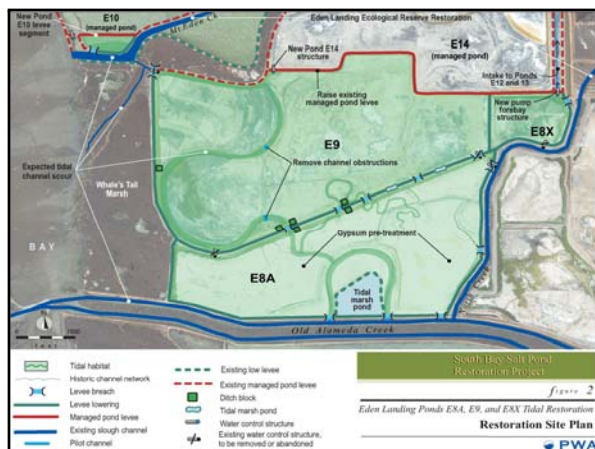
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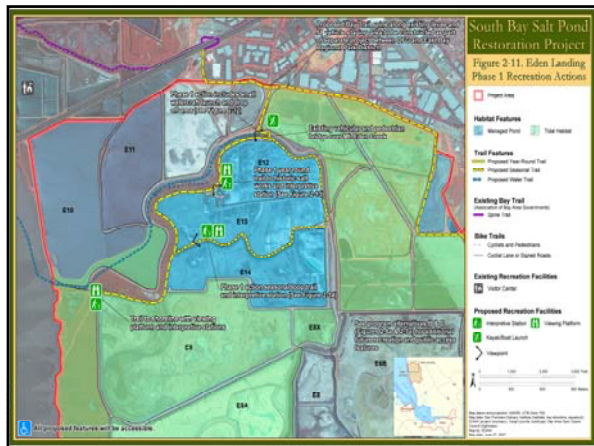
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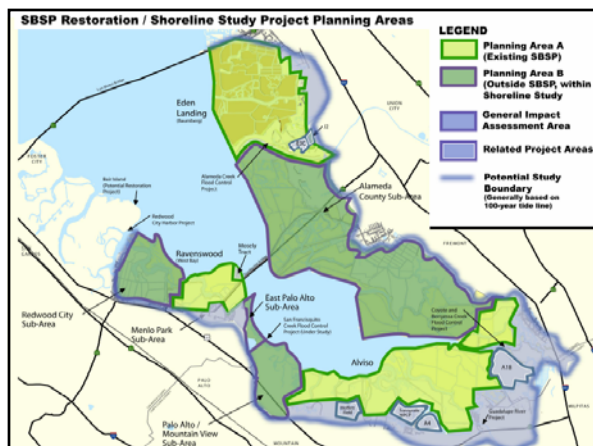
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The Adaptive Management Staircase of Recreation and Public Access – to be distributed at meeting

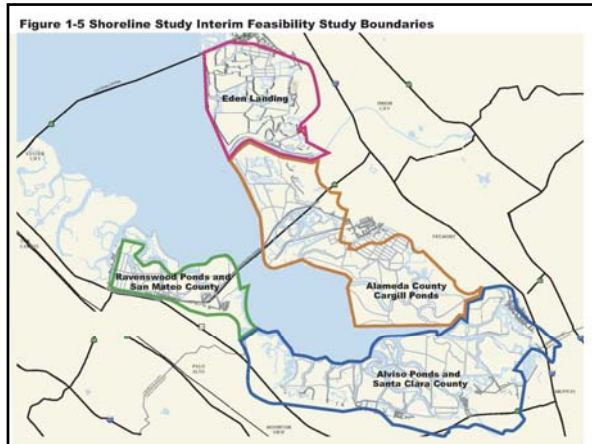
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Flood Control Project Presentation – from PWA and Ralph Johnson

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Outreach Opportunities

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